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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEE/JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL

(A)

REFS: /CAIRO 10527; (B) STATE 248371

1. AS RESULT PREFERENCE FOR RETAINING MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT FORD OCTOBER 28, WE BELIEVE THA IT IS UNLIKELY
THAT AN ACCEPTABLE BLOCK OF TIME COULD BE ARRANGED FOR
THIS IMPORTANT CONGRESSIONAL MEETING. WE HAVE, THEREFORE,
EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEES GIVING A WORKING LUNCHEON FOR
PRESIDENT SADAT FOLLOWING HIS ADDRESS TO THE JOINT
MEETING OF CONGRESS NOVEMBER 5. BOTH COMMITTEES HAVE SAID
THEY LIKE THE IDEA AND WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE AN
EXCELLENT WAY FOR SADAT TO HAVE A FREE GIVE AND TAKE WITH
THESE KEY LEGISLATORS. THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOU
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RAISE WITH FAHMY AND HASSAN KAMEL THE IDEA OF SCHEDULING

A CONGRESSIONAL LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 5 AT 1:30 P.M. SADAT COULD GO TO BLAIR HOUSE FOR AFTERNOON REST FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON. BOTH THE CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT FEEL THAT THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEETING AND WE URGE THE PRESIDENT TO WORK IT INTO THE SCHEDULE AS MENTIONED ABOVE. H HAS INFORMED US THAT FIRM JOINT INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY SPARKMAN AND MORGAN FOR LUNCHEON MTG.

2. WITH REGARD TO JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL, MURPHY MET WITH ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL OCTOBER 20 AND REVIEWED HIS TRIP TO CAIRO. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL, BUT SUBSTANCE WAS THAT MURPHY THOUGHT HIS VISIT WAS PRODUCTIVE, HE WAS NOT UNHAPPY WITH THE SITUATION HE FOUND, HE FEELS THERE ARE DEFINITE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH NEED TO BE FOLLOWED UP AND HE HAS SOME OBSERVATIONS WHICH HE BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE TO PRESIDENT SADAT IN ORDER TO MOVE THE SITUATION FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HE HAS ASKED THEREFORE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT. THERE ARE CURRENTLY, AS FAR AS WE CAN SEE, TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS TO OCCUR. THE FIRST, AND FROM OUR STANDPOINT THE MOST DESIRABLE, WOULD BE OCTOBER 30 AT 9:45 A.M. PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH MAYOR BEAM IN NEW YORK. MURPHY MEETING WOULD THEN OCCUR FOLLOWING ECONOMIC CLUB DINNER AND IN GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF EMPHASIS ON INVESTMENT IN EGYPT. THIS WAS ALSO MOST CONVENIENT TIME FOR MURPHY. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR MURPHY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 5 AT 5:30 P.M. WHILE MURPHY ALREADY BUSY AT THIS TIME, HE FEELS MEETING WITH SADAT IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO CANCEL IF THE PRESIDENT CANNOT MEET WITH HIM AT 9:45 A.M. ON OCTOBER 30.

3. REQUEST EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON ABOVE TWO MEETINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INGERSOLL

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